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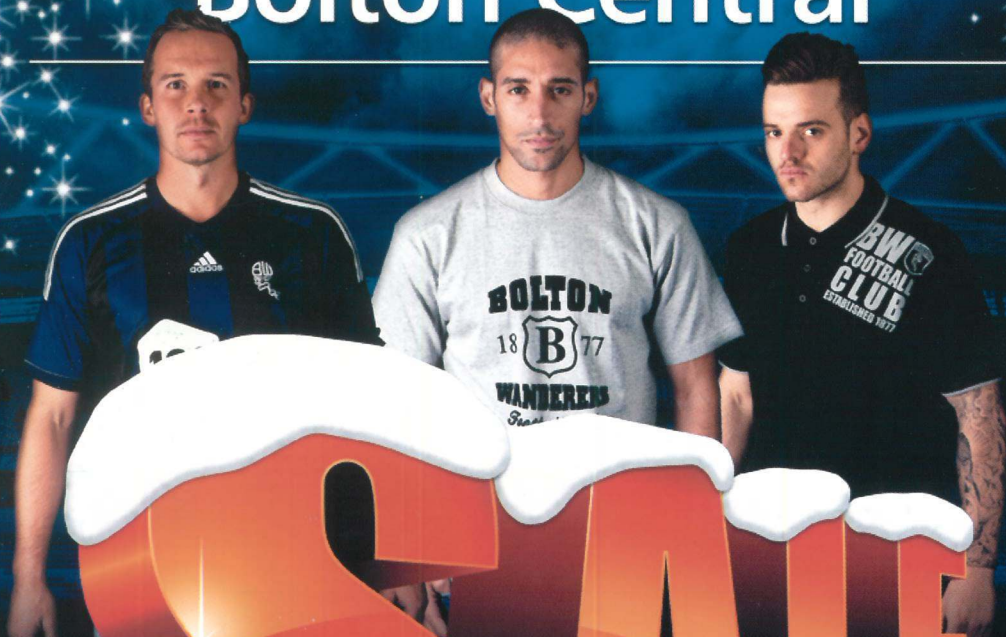
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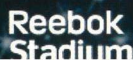


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DOUGIE FREEDMAN



THE MANAGER

Hello and a warm welcome to our Boxing Day fixture against Sheffield Wednesday.

In the brief time I've been at the club, I have found it very enjoyable. It has also been very exciting for myself, as a coach, to put across my plans and ideas and to have seen them implemented.

Looking back, we have made progress and while I think we all agree that we would have certainly have liked to have picked up more points from the games we've played, we do have a team that is improving and progressing.

Knowing the players as I do now, I have seen them develop in the last few months. That has been very encouraging. I also think that it is good that our fans are expecting us to control games. We're not always going to get the results, but the intent will always be there.

One of the key things that we all need, on and off the pitch, is patience. Within our game plan we will always look to have good build-up play and patterns of movement when we're attacking, move the ball quickly and pass and probe, but we have to accept that opposition teams will come with their game plan and we will have to deal with that.

I feel we've done that well. Looking back, the Ipswich and Barnsley games didn't quite work out as we would have wanted, though I still thought that our performances were of a high standard.

We have to play controlled football. We shouldn't be holding onto results; we should be dominating teams and make sure we're winning games through possession. That's what I have tried to change since I came here.

When I came in, I knew that was one area we had to work on because in previous seasons in the Barclays Premier League the club had become used to playing survival football. The difference now is we are fighting for something rather than against it, and that requires a different mind-set and toolkit. There are times when we have to remain patient. Sometimes we find ourselves facing teams who are fighting for their lives in this league.

The detail is in teaching players not to panic when things aren't going our way. That comes from training with them day in day out. It is also important for you, the fans, to have that patience.

The players are a wonderful group to work with. We're part of a team and we come to training every day to work together. We have certain training programmes that train the players to be patient. We train them to react in a positive way. I believe that is the way forward and that it will help us climb the league table.

I'm very proud to be associated with Bolton Wanderers. We have a great club with great history, which is one of the reasons I joined. As I say, we're trying to put our ideas in place. We will progress, but that will take time.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Dave Jones, his staff and players and everyone associated with Sheffield Wednesday as well as our match sponsors EAS Ltd.

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PHIL GARTSIDE



THE CHAIRMAN

Hello and welcome to this afternoon's game against Sheffield Wednesday.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support over what has been a challenging 12 months. We have now welcomed Dougie and his team and he has had a real effect both on and off the field. While we are really only at the beginning of our journey together, I have been very impressed with his attitude to how he wants us to play and how he has communicated those ideas.

There's a real thoroughness and detail in the week prior to each match and Dougie's training reflects this. He also has a real desire to see the game played well, with style and quality. Looking back, I think that was epitomised in our away win at Blackburn, where we not only dominated the game but played with a fluid pass and move style and totally controlled the game.

At the same time we must realise that when teams come to the Reebok they will have done their preparation. We will have to work hard and as we showed against Charlton, patience will be the key. For me that was another good example of how we need to be together both on and off the pitch. It is a difficult league with difficult games and we will need to work hard at times to ensure we come away with the win.

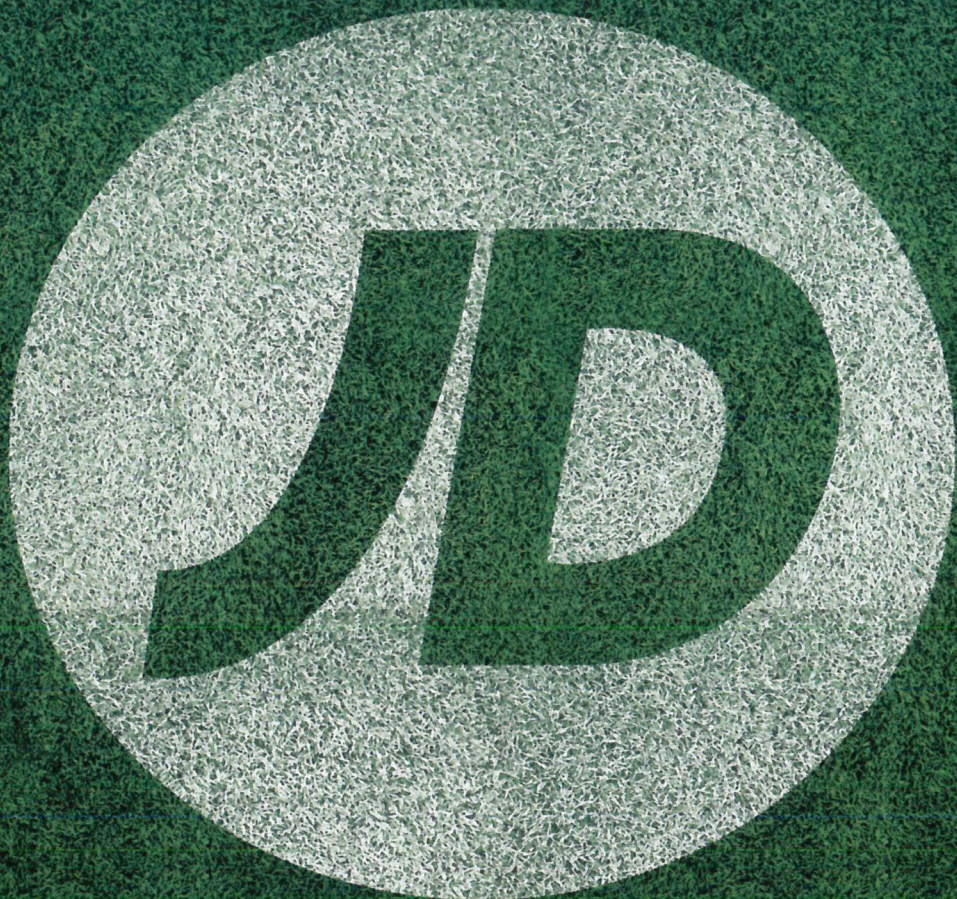
This year we announced a masterplan to take us forward in the next stage of Bolton Wanderers' history. We always work hard to ensure we look after business both on and off the pitch and we will continue to do this.

Furthermore, we capped this all off with our academy gaining elite status Category One. It is a credit to Jimmy Phillips, Sammy Lee, David Lee, Tony Kelly and all of the staff involved in the academy that we were able to accomplish this.

At the same time our under-18 side have secured their place in the elite section of their league after a tremendous run of results. We have invested well and wisely in our youth set-up and confidently expect to reap the rewards of it over the next couple of years.

Thanks for coming along today and showing your support; it is always appreciated.

Phil



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KEVIN DAVIES



THE CAPTAIN

I've become used to playing through the festive schedule. There are always a lot of fixtures and the manager has shown that he is willing to use the full squad. We know that it is an important time for us and that if we're not picking up three points on a regular basis we'll fall further behind the teams above us.

I think that our last home win against Charlton was massive for us. It was important that we returned to winning ways following the defeat against Ipswich. We had a plan and it came off perfectly.

The guys that came on as subs helped win us the game. That's something the manager is keen to stress. Those that aren't included in the starting line-up still have a massive part to play. We've got that team spirit.

Your support has once again been terrific, especially on the road. Sometimes at home, we're aware that fans can get frustrated but if we have to win the way we did against Charlton then so be it.

Teams are going to come to the Reebok and make things difficult; we've seen that this season. We've got to be patient and use our fitness and creativity to win games. At the end of the day it is points that will take us up the league table.

I believe that we have adjusted to this league now. It has probably taken us a little longer than we would have liked, but we all now believe we're close to going on a good run of form and really pushing up the league table. Our target is of course to put ourselves in contention for promotion.

We know we're in for another difficult game this afternoon against Sheffield Wednesday, but we believe that if our game plan comes off we should come away with three points.

Finally, after our last home game with Charlton it was nice to see Fabrice at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards in London. I've been invited to a few before but never been on stage – you can't help but get a little bit nervous! I travelled down with the doc and our head physio Andy Mitchell and was honoured to represent the club at such a prestigious event. It was an enjoyable night for all involved.

Thanks once again for your support,
I know all of the lads appreciate it.

WANDERERS STAFF SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO 'WEAR IT PINK'

Bolton Wanderers staff showed their support to the 'Wear it Pink' Breast Cancer campaign - one of the club's internally supported charities.

Staff displayed their support by wearing pink, and the day was full of fun fundraising activities designed to raise as much money as possible for the breast cancer charity. BWFC staff raised a total of £331.41 and the club would like to thank everyone who took part and donated.

It's time to
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pink**

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breast cancer



ACADEMY GIVEN TOP MARKS

Bolton Wanderers' academy has been awarded elite status by the Premier League.

The Whites have been granted a licence to operate a Category One academy for the next three years by the Professional Game Board Youth Group.



BWFC CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

More than 1,200 people attended Bolton Wanderers' Christmas Carol Service in the Premier Suite.

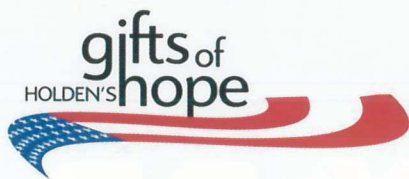
They, alongside special guest Fabrice Muamba, were treated to an evening of traditional carols, which will be broadcast on Christmas morning between 6am-7am on 107.4 Tower FM.

PRATLEY AND AFOBE VISIT KICKZ SESSION

Bolton duo Darren Pratley and Benik Afobe visited the Castle Hill Kickz project earlier this month, which is delivered in the local area by the Bolton Wanderers Community Trust.

Darren and Benik both took part in the session, competing against local children in a game of football tennis, before posing for pictures and signing autographs.





HOLDEN'S GIFTS OF HOPE

Wanderers' midfielder Stuart Holden joined forces with Bolton Wanderers Community Trust earlier this month to host Holden's Gifts of Hope to help those less fortunate in the run-up to Christmas.

Assisted by family, friends and BWCT staff, Stuart collected food and clothing at locations across Middlebrook Retail Park which were distributed to charities based across Bolton.

Speaking about Holden's Gifts of Hope, Stuart said: "We've teamed up with BWCT who have helped us to identify three local organisations - Bolton Young People's Housing Scheme, Urban Outreach and Farnworth & Kearsley Food Bank."



KEVIN MEETS BOLTON TEAM 30

Bolton Wanderers Prince's Trust ambassador Kevin Davies met young adults on a 12-week development programme at their Bolton Fire Station base.

Bolton Team 30 spoke to the club captain about their experiences and skills gained so far on the course whilst picking up some invaluable advice from Kevin about the importance of always working hard, trying your best and never giving up on what you want.





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JUMPING WELSHMAN WITH OLYMPIC HOPES



Sam Ricketts tells us about life in the paddocks, his journey from non-league to the Premier League and how he could out-jump Olympic champion and good friend Greg Rutherford.

Growing up in a small town just outside Oxford, Sam Ricketts would make the difficult transition from stable boy to football star, but after being left out of job while playing in the Football Conference, the Bolton defender would quickly get back on the horse, and achieve his goal of playing in England's top flight.

Within a six-year period Ricketts would go from non-league to the Premier League, and after a little help from UK Athletics, the 31-year-old has featured regularly in the first team since recovering from an Achilles injury. He tells the official matchday programme he is now ready for his next footballing challenge and possibly an Olympic Games.

As a child, Ricketts spent most of his time on his father's stables, and he would regularly travel the length and breadth of Britain to watch and support his family in multiple Equestrian events. His life would revolve around their love for horses, but the defender would always find time to kick a ball and develop the skills that would one day allow him to live his lifelong dream.

"I was put on a horse before I could walk," Ricketts recalled. "When I was younger my mom would get me to ride around the paddocks. That is what my family has always been involved in and my sister is still involved in it today.

"We used to go to horse shows when I was younger with my sister and they would usually start in the morning and she would usually be done by the afternoon. So I used to get one of the jumps and put it into a shape of a goal while still at the stables and I just used to kick a ball into the goal.

"I was lucky as when I was about seven or eight and at school I started going to football training with my friends. It was a sport I really enjoyed and I was keen to play as much as I possibly could when I was young.

"I was then spotted by my local club Oxford United and I was asked to go on a trial to join their centre of excellence.

"No one in my family was really into football; my mom took me to all of my matches home and away so there was a little extra bit of pressure on me to perform. I managed to get in and I started training with them once a week and I made it through into their senior side which was an incredible feeling."

Ricketts would enjoy three prosperous seasons with his hometown club, making 45 appearances and scoring one goal, before he would move to Conference side Telford United, but his stay in the midlands would be cut short as the Bucks ran into financial troubles.

"It was a time when I look back that I can see that I was a little bit naive," he added. "I believed that I was going to be a footballer and speaking to people at Telford United when I signed, I thought that I would go on to have a good footballing career – but Telford going bust was a bit of a blessing really.

"It made me realise how quickly this sport can change. In a way it was good as my contract with Telford was immediately cancelled and it allowed Swansea to take a chance with me which they wouldn't have done if Telford hadn't gone into liquidation.

"It was incredible really. I had gone from non-league football, to Telford going bust to playing league football, which was always my initial goal."

Swans manager Kenny Jackett would bring Ricketts to South Wales, achieving his dream of playing league football, while gaining the opportunity to impress Wales boss John Toshack. He would soon make his international debut in February 2005, and the Whites' defender has since been a constant fixture in Gary Speed and Chris





Coleman's squads – and now he believes the Dragons, who sadly lost Speed in 2011, can regain the form they once had under the former Bolton midfielder.

"It was certainly a proud moment for me to represent my country. I now hope to reach 50 caps for Wales in the near future. I have always given myself little goals; first to get into the Football League, and then my aim was to gradually move up the leagues. I was fortunate to do this and I have played in all five leagues from the Conference to the Premier League in six seasons.

"I would now like to continue to play for Wales, and I can see no reason why we can't qualify for the European Championships next time round. I think everyone truly believes that if Speed was still with us now, with the set-up he had, that we would be pushing for qualification to major tournaments.

"But unfortunately circumstances meant that things had to change, it is a question now if Coleman can now get his style across to the players. It has taken a while to get his style across, but it was the same for Speed too, so now I hope Coleman can do the same."

The Wales international missed most of 2011 after suffering an Achilles injury during a FA Cup fourth-round replay at Wigan in February. As Ricketts worked his way back to full fitness, the defender would spend some time training with coaches and athletes at UK Athletics – and he made friends with some familiar Olympic faces.

"I definitely had more of a personal interest in this summer's Olympics after working closely with UK Athletics and I worked with a lot of the athletes that competed in London.

"I worked alongside Greg Rutherford who won gold in the long jump at the Olympic Games, and it was great to see him go on and do so well. I suppose it meant a little more to me as I had personally been involved with the athletes, trained with them and got to know them personally.

"It was general body and conditioning sessions, working on improving their fitness and speed ready for the games. Watching them has certainly inspired me and you never know.

"If I could find a sport then taking part in an Olympic Games would certainly be something that I would look at as they have inspired me and a whole generation to get involved.

"I was very active when I was young. I was county champion at the 400 meters and I used to hold a school record in the long jump, but I don't know if it would be good enough to challenge Greg Rutherford. I wanted to challenge him in January but they didn't want me to cause injury to myself.

"But I would like to think that I could out-jump him! When I told him that he didn't believe me, but I would give it my best shot."

Ricketts is now in his third season with the Trotters, and he insists he is loving life in the North West, and remains adamant that the Whites

can seal a quick return back to England's top flight.

"I am really enjoying my time here in Bolton - it is a real family club," he concluded. "It's important that as a club, from the chairman down to the people working at the training ground, that everyone gets along as one and it is important that we can all work together and now move this club forward back into the Premier League.

"We always get great support from the fans and we like to do our best to give something back to them as it is their club.

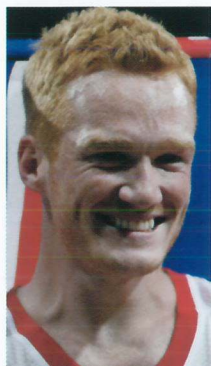
"Last season was frustrating for me as I missed the first half of the season with injury, and it culminated in relegation, but as I said we are all together in our quest to return to the top flight and I am just happy to be playing my part in that.

"There is no reason why we still can't achieve promotion this season. If we can get onto a winning run and start moving up the table then who knows where we could be come the end of the season."



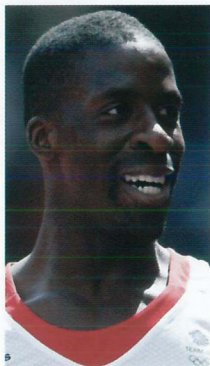
OLYMPIC FRIENDS... SAM RICKETTS

During his time with UK Athletics, the Bolton defender would train and quickly make friends with some of London 2012's Olympic stars.



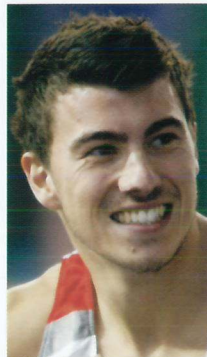
**Greg
RUTHERFORD**

Ricketts is good friends with Rutherford, who famously won gold in the long jump on 'Super Saturday' alongside Jessica Ennis and Mo Farah who also won their first Olympic golds. The pair first met during their time at UK Athletics at the end of 2011 and remain in constant contact.



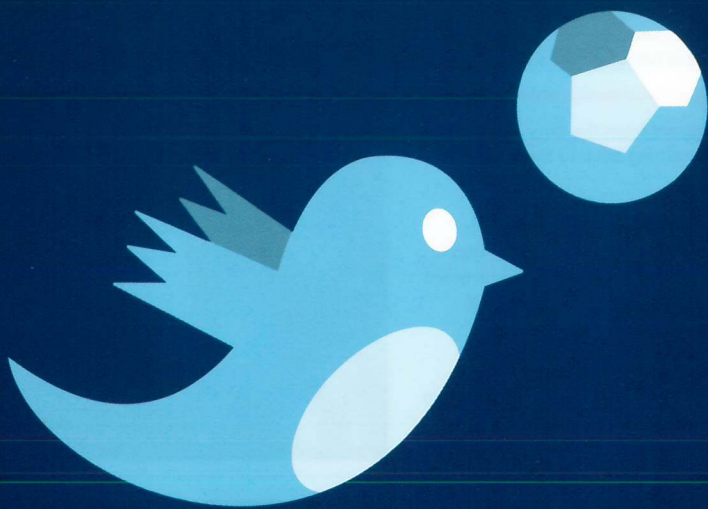
**Dwain
CHAMBERS**

After serving a two-year doping ban, and a court battle against the BOA, Chambers was finally allowed to compete at the London Games. The sprinter would perform honourably, reaching the 100 meters semi-finals before competing in the 4x100 meters relay.



**Steve
LEWIS**

British pole vault record holder Lewis was another athlete Ricketts trained with during his time with UK Athletics. Lewis competed in the 2012 Olympics, finishing in fifth place with a vault of 5.75 meters, becoming Britain's most successful men's pole vaulter in Olympic history.



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TOP TENS *Festive Fixtures*

WORDS: MARK HEYS

The Christmas period is undoubtedly the most congested spell of the fixture calendar as Wanderers embark on four games in 11 days with today's fixture against Sheffield Wednesday - which is followed by contests with Birmingham City, Leeds United and Sunderland.

This run of games around Christmas is nothing out of the ordinary and in this issue of *Top Tens*, we take a look at how Wanderers have fared in their festive fixtures over the last ten years.



2002/03: RICKETTS RESURGENCE

Michael Ricketts' first goal in open play for nearly a year earned Bolton a 1-1 draw at West Ham United just before Christmas. The striker was the hero again five days later on Boxing Day, as his double helped Wanderers see off Newcastle United in a 4-3 thriller at the Reebok. Despite a goalless draw at Everton and a New Years Day loss at Aston Villa, the club stayed out of the Premier League's relegation places going in to 2003.



2003/04: HENRIK LEAVES IT LATE

Henrik Pedersen's decisive volley in the closing minutes of a 1-1 draw with Arsenal at the Reebok started the Christmas period on a high but the Dane's goal at Liverpool on Boxing Day proved to be nothing more than a consolation in a 3-1 defeat. The Reebok's biggest ever crowd of 28,353 saw Leicester City rescue a point in a 2-2 draw two days later, with future Bolton player Les Ferdinand equalising deep into injury time. A much changed Bolton side began 2004 with a 1-1 FA Cup draw against old foes Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park.



2004/05: DIOUF STOPS THE ROT

The 2004/05 season was one of the best in Bolton history but the low point for Sam Allardyce's team that year was their form around Christmas.

Local rivals Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers took maximum points from the Reebok and sandwiched between was a Boxing Day defeat to Manchester United at Old Trafford. The run of consecutive defeats was ended on New Years Day against West Bromwich Albion, when fans' favourite El-Hadji Diouf steered home a Nicky Hunt cross past former Wanderers keeper Russell Hoult to earn a 1-1 draw.



2005/06: CONGESTION NOT A PROBLEM

Despite taking part in the UEFA Cup in 2005/06, Wanderers kept the points ticking over during the festive period. Three goals in the last fifteen minutes, courtesy of a Stelios Giannakopoulos double and a Gary Speed penalty, helped see off Everton in a 4-0 success at Goodison Park, with a goalless draw at bottom club Sunderland on Boxing Day following the emphatic victory on Merseyside. Defeat on New Year's Eve at Manchester United came before a 2-2 draw at home to Liverpool, thanks to a Radhi Jaidi header and a scrambled effort from ex-Red El-Hadji Diouf.



2006/07: WE WIN AGAIN... AND AGAIN



Five straight wins in December 2006 saw Sam Allardyce's men on course for another top ten finish. Record signing Nicolas Anelka returned to Manchester City to score the only goals of the game in a 2-0 win. Three days later, another Boxing Day cracker against Newcastle United saw Wanderers come from behind to beat

the Magpies 2-1 with Anelka again on target and a Peter Ramage own goal ensuring the points. A thrilling 3-2 win over Portsmouth provided plenty of cheer at the end of 2006, with the only disappointment yet another defeat against Liverpool at Anfield in a 3-0 loss on New Year's Day.

2007/08: STELIOS THE SUPER SUB

In contrast to the previous season, Wanderers found themselves at the wrong end of the table and a 3-0 home win over Birmingham City was to be their only cheer over a miserable Christmas that included away defeats to Everton and Sunderland. However, back at the Reebok, the New Year saw maximum points for Gary Megson's men, as Stelios Giannakopoulos came off the bench to head home a last minute winner against struggling Derby County.



2008/09: TAYLOR AND BIBI ON TARGET



Matt Taylor celebrated against his former club Portsmouth as both he and Ricardo Gardner got on the score sheet in a 2-1 win against the big spending South Coast outfit at the Reebok. But another festive defeat against Liverpool at Anfield coupled with a shock home loss against Wigan Athletic saw Bolton begin a miserable run of five straight defeats.

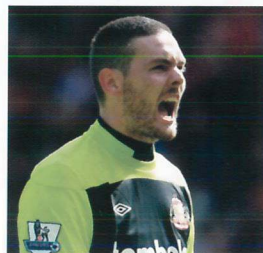
2009/10: NEW BEGINNINGS

Taylor was again heavily involved in Bolton's Christmas fixtures a year later as his free-kick earned Wanderers a share of the points at Turf Moor. Back at the Reebok a matter of days later Wanderers surrendered a two goal lead in the last twenty minutes to draw 2-2 with Hull City. This was to be Gary Megson's last game in charge of the Whites and by the time Mark Davies scored his first home goal in a 4-0 FA Cup mauling of Lincoln City, the club had begun its search for a new manager.



2010/11: GORDON WONDER SAVES DENIES WHITES

Wanderers suffered only their second away defeat of the season at Sunderland and this was largely due to Black Cats goalkeeper Craig Gordon pulling off a world class save from Zat Knight. Matt Taylor scored his first goal of the campaign and Kevin Davies added another to give Bolton maximum points over struggling West Bromwich Albion on Boxing Day, but trips to Chelsea and Liverpool were to end in disappointment.



2011/12: DERBY DELIGHT AT EWOOD



First half efforts from Mark Davies and Nigel Reo-Coker sent Bolton on their way to three points in a local derby with Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park. But joy turned to despair less than a week later for Owen Coyle's men when two late goals from

Demba Ba and Hatem Ben-Arfa gave Newcastle a Boxing Day victory at the Reebok. A super strike from distance earned Sam Ricketts his first Bolton goal in a 1-1 draw over struggling Wolves and despite a freak goal from Everton keeper Tim Howard, goals from David Ngog and Gary Cahill, in his last Wanderers appearance, earned all three points for the Whites at Goodison Park.

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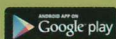
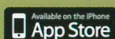
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Wanderers 4 - 3 Newcastle

Okocha, Gardner,
Ricketts (2)

Attendance: 27,314



WANDERERS: JAASKELAINEN, WHITLOW, BERGSSON, FRANDSEN, PEDERSON (FACEY 75), OKOCHA, GARDNER, DJORKAEFF (NOLAN 65), RICKETTS, BARNES, CHARLTON (UNUSED SUBS: TOFTING, CAMPO, POOLE)

After Bolton had preserved their Premier League status the previous season, manager Sam Allardyce was quick to stress that it was going to be even tougher the second time around – and he wasn't wrong.

The Whites had only secured three victories before the visit of Sir Bobby Robson's high-flying Newcastle United, who boasted a squad that contained the likes of Alan Shearer, Gary Speed, Shay Given and Nolberto Solano.

A capacity crowd were treated to one of the best games ever seen at the Reebok and the match burst into life in the fourth minute, when Jay-Jay Okocha netted with a terrific low shot from the edge of the area. The spellbinding Nigerian was beginning to find his feet in the Premier League and alongside Youri Djorkaeff, the pair produced a captivating performance in front of the home fans.

But three minutes later, Kieron Dyer set up the clinical Shearer who made no mistake from 12 yards to fire under the body of Jussi Jaaskelainen for the equaliser. But just 60 seconds later, Jamaican Ricardo Gardner swept a brilliant free-kick high into the left corner to restore Wanderers' advantage.

The two sides were serving up a Boxing Day feast and Jaaskelainen had to make two superb saves as Newcastle piled on the pressure, first from Laurent Robert and then Speed.

Bolton replied with Michael Ricketts threading through a ball for Per Frandsen, but the Danish international couldn't beat Given who was in impressive form and made a great stop to deny

Gudni Bergsson's header just before the break.

The Reebok had become a cauldron of noise in anticipation of a third Wanderers goal, and deep into first-half injury time, the home faithful were celebrating again. Michael Ricketts, making his first start in seven games, announced his return to the side with a firm header from a Frandsen cross. It was a stunning finish to a stunning first half.



The Whites extended their lead midway through the second period. Ricketts latched onto a wayward back pass from Speed and after outpacing Andy O'Brien, he coolly slid the ball into the net – seemingly putting the game beyond Newcastle.



But with 20 minutes still to play, Shola Ameobi pulled a goal back, and seven minutes later Alan Shearer blasted a free-kick into the top corner to make set up a nail-biting finish.

But Wanderers would hold on for a famous victory to the relief of the capacity Reebok crowd as Bolton secured three well-earned points – and a good draw two days later at Everton was a nice way to bring in the New Year.

ALSO ON THIS DAY...



1983/84 DIV THREE - SPRINGFIELD PARK

WANDERERS 1 - 0 WIGAN

JEFF CHANDLER

ATTENDANCE: 10,045

FARNWORTH, BORROWS, DEAKIN, JOYCE, VALENTINE, BERRY, (S) THOMPSON, CHANDLER FOSTER, CALDWELL, REDFEARN



1992/93 DIV TWO - BURDEN PARK

WANDERERS 2 - 1 WIGAN

ANDY WALKER (2)

ATTENDANCE 11,493

BRANAGAN, BROWN, BURKE, LEE, SEAGRAVES, WINSTANLEY, GREEN, KELLY, WALKER MCGINLAY, PATTERSON, (SUB) STUBBS



GROUNDS STAFF ALL GO OVER FESTIVE PERIOD



As Wanderers fans around the world exchange gifts and tuck into their Christmas dinner, Richard Norton, Bolton's grounds manager, and his team will be hard at work preparing the Reebok for the busy festive schedule.

Norton has recently purchased new machinery using monies once again raised by the club's lotteries and development association to help him through the hectic Christmas period. The newly obtained equipment include a Kubota tractor, an AMAZONE groundkeeper and a Torro CT2140 Ridon Triple Mower – all replacing gear purchased over ten years ago.

The ground staff have three sites to keep in check; Reebok Stadium, Eddie Davies Lostock Academy and Euxton Training Ground, but the installation of undersoil heating at Euxton, again paid for by the BWDA, combined with a few self-bought Christmas presents, will hopefully help make the difficult winter months go that little bit quicker for Norton and his team.

"People are off work at this time of year and they want to come and watch matches, and it is our job to make sure that football matches go ahead," Norton said. "We have two home games in the space of four days and hopefully we will have everything wrapped up on Christmas Eve.

"But if the weather turns and we have to come in on Christmas Day then we come in. The first team will be training somewhere I expect so we have to make

sure these pitches are fit for them to train on.

"We usually work Christmas every year, it is part of the job as we work for a football club who have a very hectic schedule and the pitch has to be ready.

"As a groundsman, you do look forward to the winter break being over and around spring you start to think that it will soon warm up a little. Then you get into the renovation time at the end of the season before it's back into the football season – so it is one big merry-go-round. But I love it."

The ground staff have enquired new equipment from local company GGM, located in Colne, thanks to funding from the Bolton Wanderers Development Association, and Norton is hopeful that this equipment will help them through this challenging period of the season.

"We applied to the BWDA for some new grounds maintenance machinery for our Lostock site and we actual got ourselves a new Kubota tractor, an AMAZONE groundkeeper, which is a tractor mounted flail, and we have got a new Torro CT2140 Ridon Triple Mower," he added.

"We acquired it through our preferred machinery dealer Chris Gibson at GGM over in Colne, and we have got ourselves a really good deal. Chris has put a good package together and hopefully we can continue to do work with them in the future.

"It is replacement machinery for equipment that we have already got, which has just got too old. The tractor we have replaced had actually originally been purchased when we first moved to the new stadium, so we have got a good 14 or 15 years out of it.

"It will certainly help us a lot as we head through to the New Year and into spring. We have got a lot going on at Lostock this year, I don't think we will be doing a big renovation, but with the new equipment we have acquired, we will certainly be able to get it thinned out and get it topped dress. Hopefully as we get into pre-season next year we will soon see the benefits of the groundkeeper."

Norton has certainly reaped the rewards of the new undersoil heating at Euxton, and he has voiced the importance of the system as we begin to enter the cold winter months.

"We are coming up to Christmas and all the playing surfaces are looking good. We have had a few days of frost but the undersoil heating at Euxton has worked really well and we have managed to keep the first team training.

"Here at the stadium we have had the oversoil heating on, we have had our youth team game and everything has gone right so far. Not to say over Christmas that we will not struggle as we don't know what the weather will be like, but fingers crossed we will be fine.

"The weather is most difficult thing we have to deal with at this time of the year - it is frost and then snow. When the ground is frozen you can wait for the frost to come out of it, but when you have snow on top of frozen soil it just won't go and trying to get rid of the snow its horrendous, so you try and get on top of the weather and look far enough ahead to try and predict what is going to happen.

"Undersoil heating has had a massive impact. You wouldn't believe what having a heated pitch does for us as a club. It is 14 miles of plastic pipes with a big water boiler that pumps hot water around the pitch, and you just gradually bring the heat up over three or four days and get it to about ten degrees and it works really well. Keeping the first team training is everything, you can't buy that and keeping the manager and players happy is what we do.

"Dougie Freedman is really good. When he came in he had a chat with us and I explained what we do and what pitches we have got and he has been really good. He hasn't come with us with any certain requirements of yet, but he hasn't told us off either so I hope we are doing a good job."

NIALL MAHER

ACADEMY YOUNGSTER HOPING TO IMPRESS AT FAMILY CLUB

WORDS: EMMA NORRIS

Many youngsters dream of playing professional football for the team they grew up supporting. But for academy scholar Niall Maher, he chose to put his head before his heart when deciding what route his career would take.

After spending his early years playing for his local team Denton Youth, at the age of seven, the defender was offered the opportunity to sign for his childhood club Manchester City, or travel up the M61 and join Wanderers.

For most this decision would be a simple one, but for Maher, there was no doubt in his mind as to which club was the one for him.

"I did go on trial with both of them, but I decided to sign for Bolton because I felt like they were more family orientated," he explained. "It really wasn't a hard decision even though I supported City when I was younger because I felt like coming here was the better option for my future."

An integral player for the high-flying under-18s this season, the 17-year-old admitted that both his and the team's confidence are at an all-time high following an impressive campaign.

He added: "I think this is one of the best sides we've ever had because we're strong all over the park and we've got an excellent spine to the team - even off the pitch we're all in it together."

"We all get along really well and I think that's important - I've also been friends with Zach Clough for years, so it's been great to share the whole experience with a close friend."

Having secured his scholarship last year, the centre-half admitted that the moment was one that he had dreamt of his whole life.

"I was over the moon," he revealed. "I'd just come back from being with the under-17s in Ireland playing in the Milk Cup when I got told that I was



getting it - at the end of the day it's a sign that I'm doing well and will hopefully lead to more.

"The coaches here have definitely been important in my development," he added. "Learning from the likes of Tony Kelly, David Lee and Sammy Lee is brilliant because they've already played the game and they can pass their knowledge and understanding onto us."

"Especially with Sammy, he's coached in both the Premier League and at international level - he's worked with some of the best players in the world so we know that his experiences will only help us."

A highly-rated prospect having already featured for the club's under-21s this term, Maher has no doubts as to what his future aspirations are.

"The next aim is to get that professional contract," he confessed. "I think I've got a good chance of impressing the new manager as he had a good relationship with Crystal Palace's academy - so with any luck I'll get my opportunity."

"If I carry on as I am then hopefully it will happen for me - the ultimate aim is to have a successful playing career which will enable me to provide a better way of life for my disabled sister Charley and my younger brother Joshua."



FACTFILE

Name: Niall Callum James Peter Maher

Date of birth: 31/7/1995

Place of birth: Manchester

Position: Defender

Former clubs: Denton Youth

Childhood club: Manchester City



INTRODUCING... SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



Founded: 1867

Nickname: The Owls

Stadium: Hillsborough (Capacity – 39,859)

Manager: Dave Jones

Record Signing: Paolo Di Canio (£4.5m from Celtic in 1997)

HONOURS:

Football League First Division:

Champions: 1903, 1904, 1929, 1930

Football League Second Division:

Champions: 1900, 1926, 1952, 1956, 1959

League One:

Runners up: 2012

FA Cup:

Winners: 1896, 1907, 1935

League Cup:

Winners: 1991

Community Shield:

Winners: 1935

OPPOSITION SUMMARY

After being promoted from League One last season, Wednesday started life back in the Championship in impressive form, picking up seven points from their opening three league matches.

However, the team's form soon slipped and as a result they have found themselves at the wrong end of the table.

The Owls began the season by drawing at Derby County and then beating Birmingham City and Millwall at Hillsborough. But Wednesday went on to lose all six matches in September, including a 2-1 defeat to Bolton at Hillsborough.

Wednesday secured a vital win at Ipswich at the end of October, but still only took five points from their five matches that month, before losing five of their six games in November.

Visiting View

Eddie Hoyland, vice chair of Wednesdayite, a Sheffield Wednesday supporters' society, believes the Owls will continue to struggle with life in the Championship.

He said: "Coming into a season with so much optimism after promotion, and with the hope of competing at the right end of the Championship table, the season so far has been both a tough lesson and, at times, very frustrating.

"We have rarely been outclassed, but individual errors and a poor goal scoring record have found us scrapping near the bottom of the table.

"So much of our attacking threat comes from fast wing play with the full-backs supporting the two wide men. Michail Antonio has impressed and can cause any defence problems.

"Given how the season has started, the aim must be to distance ourselves from a relegation dogfight.

"Wednesday fans saw December as a critical month for our season, with five matches against teams who were all in the bottom half of the table. This is probably the toughest test of those five, so while we'll be aiming to take a vital three points, we know settling for a point wouldn't be a disaster.

"If our defence can keep Kevin Davies and Chris Eagles well-marshalled, I think we can pull off a 1-0 win."



THE MANAGER

DAVE JONES

Born: Liverpool, England

Date of Birth: 17/08/1956

Dave Jones was appointed Sheffield Wednesday manager on 1 March, 2012, replacing former Wanderers boss Gary Megson, who was sacked the previous day.

Born in Liverpool, Jones started his playing career at

Everton before moving to Coventry City in 1979.

The defender had a brief stint playing in China for Seiko before returning to England where he ended his career with Preston North End.

The 56-year-old turned his hand to management in 1985 with Stockport County. He then took charge of Southampton, Wolves and Cardiff City prior to taking the managerial reins at Hillsborough last season.

THE CAPTAIN

MARTIN TAYLOR

Born: Ashington, England

Date of Birth: 09/11/1979

Position: Defender

Signed From: Watford (2012)

The 33-year-old defender joined the Owls on deadline day of the 2012 summer transfer window for an undisclosed fee from fellow Championship side Watford.

Taylor, whose previous clubs include Blackburn Rovers, Birmingham City and Norwich City, signed a two-year deal for Dave Jones' side and was named club captain.

The defender scored 10 goals in 95 appearances at Watford and his experience at the heart of the Wednesday defence will be vital if the Owls are to remain in the Championship.



THE ONE TO WATCH

MICHAEL ANTONIO

Born: Wandsworth, England

Date of Birth: 28/03/1990

Position: Midfielder

Signed From: Reading (2012)

21-year-old winger Michail Antonio signed a four-year deal with the Owls in the summer after an impressive loan spell at Hillsborough last season.

Antonio scored five goals in 14 appearances as Wednesday secured promotion to the Championship before the youngster made the move from Reading permanent.

He had previously enjoyed loan moves with Cheltenham Town, Southampton and Colchester United before featuring for Dave Jones' side last season.



PLAYER PROFILES



CHRIS KIRKLAND

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 02/05/1981

Position: Goalkeeper

Former England international Chris Kirkland signed for Wednesday from Wigan Athletic in July on a two-year contract. The stopper came through the ranks at Coventry City before earning a move to Liverpool in 2001. He won his one and only England cap in 2006 in a friendly match against Greece.



ANTHONY GARDNER

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 18/08/1981

Position: Defender

Former Tottenham and Everton defender, Anthony Gardner signed a two-year contract with the Owls in the summer. The towering centre back, who earned his solitary England cap against Sweden in 2004, brings a wealth of experience to Dave Jones' side as they look to retain their Championship status.



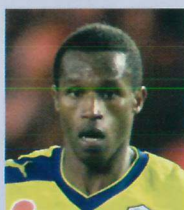
LEWIS BUXTON

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 10/12/1983

Position: Defender

Versatile defender Lewis Buxton has been with the Owls since joining from Premier League side Stoke City in 2009. Buxton started his career as a 17-year-old with Portsmouth, before enjoying loan spells with Exeter City and Bournemouth, prior to signing for the Potters in 2004.



JOSE SEMEDO

Nationality: Portuguese

Date of Birth: 11/01/1985

Position: Midfielder

Now in his second season with the Owls, Portuguese midfielder Jose Semedo has become a very popular figure at Hillsborough after featuring 51 times for the club last season. The midfielder made 150 appearances for former club Charlton Athletic who he joined from Portuguese giants Sporting Lisbon in 2007.



MIGUEL LLERA

Nationality: Spanish

Date of Birth: 07/08/1979

Position: Defender

The Spanish defender arrived in England in 2008, when he joined MK Dons. He then went on to play for Charlton, Blackpool, and Brentford in the Football League prior to his move to Hillsborough. Llera bagged a brace in the 3-2 win over Birmingham City in August and also scored in the 2-1 home win over Peterborough United in November.



CHRIS LINES

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 30/11/1985

Position: Midfielder

Bristol-born midfielder Chris Lines is now in his second season with Wednesday after signing from Bristol Rovers on a three-year deal in 2011. Lines scored 21 goals and made over 150 appearances during his time with the Pirates and he appeared 47 times in his debut season at Hillsborough.



JERMAINE JOHNSON

Nationality: Jamaican

Date of Birth: 25/06/1980

Position: Midfielder

Former Wanderers midfielder Jermaine Johnson is now in his sixth season with Wednesday after signing from Bradford City in 2007. The Jamaican international scored in the 4-2 League Cup win at Oldham in August, before bagging a goal in each of the 3-2 home wins over Birmingham City and Millwall later in the same month.



CHRIS O'GRADY

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 25/01/1986

Position: Striker

Striker Chris O'Grady scored seven goals in his debut season with Wednesday, one of which was the winner in the derby triumph over Sheffield United in February this year. O'Grady joined the Owls from North West side Rochdale in 2011 and he has scored five times in the opening 20 games this season.



RHYS McCABE

Nationality: Scottish

Date of Birth: 24/07/1992

Position: Midfielder

Former Rangers midfielder Rhys McCabe made the switch to Hillsborough from the Scottish giants in July this year and looks set to have a big future in the game. McCabe, who signed a three year contract at Hillsborough, also made his debut for Scotland's under-21 side against Italy earlier this year.



RODRI

Nationality: Spanish

Date of Birth: 06/06/1990

Position: Striker

Spanish striker Rodri joined the Owls on a season-long loan from Spanish giants Barcelona in the summer transfer window. The forward started his career at Sevilla before joining Barcelona B, where he scored seven times in his 35 appearances. Rodri has also played for Spain's under-21 side on two occasions, scoring one goal.



GARY MADINE

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 24/08/1990

Position: Striker

22-year-old forward Gary Madine joined the Owls from League One side Carlisle United in 2011 for an undisclosed fee. The striker hit 18 goals in 41 appearances last season to become the club's top scorer as they gained automatic promotion into the Championship.



JAY BOTHROYD

Nationality: English

Date of Birth: 05/05/1982

Position: Striker

After failing to nail down a regular place in Queen Park Rangers' starting 11, striker Jay Bothroyd is currently on loan with the Owls until January 2013. Bothroyd signed for QPR from Cardiff City in 2011 where he made 128 appearances and scored 45 goals.



IS FOR...

THE GROUNDS



LIBERTY STADIUM

Swansea City's 20,750 capacity stadium was opened in 2005 for use by both the Swans and rugby union side Ospreys. Wanderers' last trip to South Wales was during the 2011/12 Premier League season, but goals from Joe Allen, Scott Sinclair and Danny Graham condemned Owen Coyle's side to defeat.

LOFTUS ROAD

Wanderers have fond memories of their last visit to Queen Park Rangers' 18,500 capacity stadium, as Owen Coyle's side claimed all three points on the opening day of the 2011/12 season. Gary Cahill's superb 25-yard strike gave the Trotters the lead, before a Danny Gabbidon own goal and efforts from Ivan Klasnic and Fabrice Muamba sealed an impressive 4-0 win which left the Whites top of the Premier League.



LONDON ROAD



Peterborough United's London Road will be celebrating its centenary year in 2013, but Wanderers have only travelled to the historic Cambridgeshire ground four times. Prior to last weekend's clash, the Trotters' most recent visit to Peterborough was in 1994 when Bruce Rioch's side secured a 3-2 victory in their Division One clash.

L IS ALSO FOR...

LEAGUE

Wanderers will compete in 46 games in this Championship campaign. 23 matches will be held at the Reebok, as Dougie Freedman's men attempt to bounce straight back to the Premier League.



LEFT-FOOTER

The legendary Ricardo Gardner received a surprise recall to the Jamaican national squad at the end of November. Gardner last represented the Reggae Boyz in 2009, and he will now return for the upcoming Caribbean Cup.



THE PLAYERS

NAT LOFTHOUSE

Voted as Bolton's greatest ever player, Lofthouse made over 500 appearances for the Whites. The striker famously found the net twice in the 1958 FA Cup final against Manchester United to secure a 2-0 victory. The forward was equally prolific whilst on international duty, scoring 30 goals in 33 outings for England and he was an inaugural inductee into the English Football Hall of Fame in 2002. A year on from his death, plans for a Nat Lofthouse statue to be situated outside the Reebok Stadium were announced.



FRANCIS LEE



The stocky forward started his professional career with the Trotters, and he would go on to make over 100 appearances for the Whites. The former England international boasted an incredible scoring record, finding the net 92 times in 139 appearances for Wanderers. In 2010, Lee was inducted into the English Football Hall of Fame.

DAVID LEE

The pacey right-winger began his career at Gigg Lane in 1986 before moving to Burnden Park to sign for Wanderers on an initial one-month loan. But the deal was quickly made permanent and he would remain at the club for five years, clocking up 147 appearances and scoring sixteen goals. Lee also featured in the 1995 League Cup final, and he remains involved with the club as he is now the head coach of the successful Bolton under-18 side.



LOAN SIGNINGS

The Trotters currently have three loan signings involved in the first team; Benik Afobe from Arsenal, Jay Spearing from Liverpool and Jacob Butterfield from Norwich City.



LATVIA

Manager Dougie Freedman made his international debut for Scotland against Latvia at Hampden Park in October 2001, scoring the equaliser in the 2002 FIFA World Cup qualifier.





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We hope you all had a great Christmas day with your family and friends, but let's get back to business today and get behind the lads. Whilst you're sat in your seat, waiting for the game to start, spare a thought for those back home being force fed turkey sandwiches!

The Promotions department would like to thank all the agents who have worked hard over the past two weeks collecting double monies to ensure all their members are entered into the draw over the festive period. Hopefully we'll be making some of you richer before the end of 2012, or you may be our first winner of 2013!

To support any of lotteries please contact us on 01204 673777 and you can join the Lifeline at just £2 per week, Goldline at just £1 per week, Instant win scratch card at £1 or maybe you will buy a Golden Gamble ticket at today's match. Whichever way you choose to support us we are truly grateful.

LIFELINE PARTY NIGHTS 2013

The invites have been sent and we are having a great response to our party nights which are Friday 18 January and Saturday 19 January. Friday night sees a soul and motown night with entertainment from Roy G Hemmings and the Dictionary of Soul. Roy was one of the longest serving former member of legendary group, The Drifters, Roy had worked alongside founder Johnny Moore for more than ten years. We are sure he'll be fantastic!



Saturday sees entertainment from Groove Nation, this band covers music from the 70s through to current day so they truly have something for everyone. Both nights have additional entertainment from comedian Steve Royle who is a great local lad. We are sure you'll give him a great homecoming to a local venue.

Both nights will feature our popular 10 x £100 cash prize draw plus we will have a raffle on the night should you wish to try your luck. The hot buffet meal will be served around 9pm just before our main act hits the stage.



Finally both nights will be drawn to a close with our DJ/host Kevin Peet.

We look forward to seeing you there.

TREATS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Just to let you know the treat packages are still available to book for 2013. For full details please contact us on 01204 673774. Many thanks for your support!

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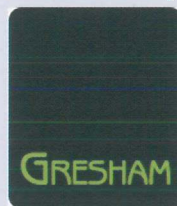
Welcome to all sponsors, partners and hospitality guests for today's Boxing Day game versus Sheffield Wednesday. We trust all guests will have a memorable day with us here at the Reebok Stadium.

Match Sponsor



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Matchball Sponsor



We welcome Gresham Office Furniture as our matchball sponsor today. One of the largest independent designers and manufacturers of workspace furniture in the UK, and long term

partners of Bolton Wanderers Football Club, we extend a warm welcome to their guests this afternoon.

Matchday Hospitality Deals – 3 games for the price of 2

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our suites, or book your very own private executive box. We have a matchday experience to suit all budgets, with prices from £55 + VAT. Book two matches up to the end of January 2013 and choose a 3rd game free of charge – subject to availability.

To find out more please contact us on 01204 673761 or email: sales@bwfc.co.uk

Looking Back



Match Sponsor from the Charlton Athletic game were J Mallinson (Ormskirk) Ltd. Long term partners of over 20 years with Bolton Wanderers FC, providing the best in sports field construction, John Mallinson and his guests enjoyed a fantastic 2-0 win. John Mallinson is pictured here with the man of the match, David Ngog.



Our Matchball Sponsor from the Charlton Athletic game were Storm Software Solutions. Guests are pictured here in the line-up before the game with the captains, mascots and officials.

Seeing red?

**Frustrations can spill over,
in football and in life.**

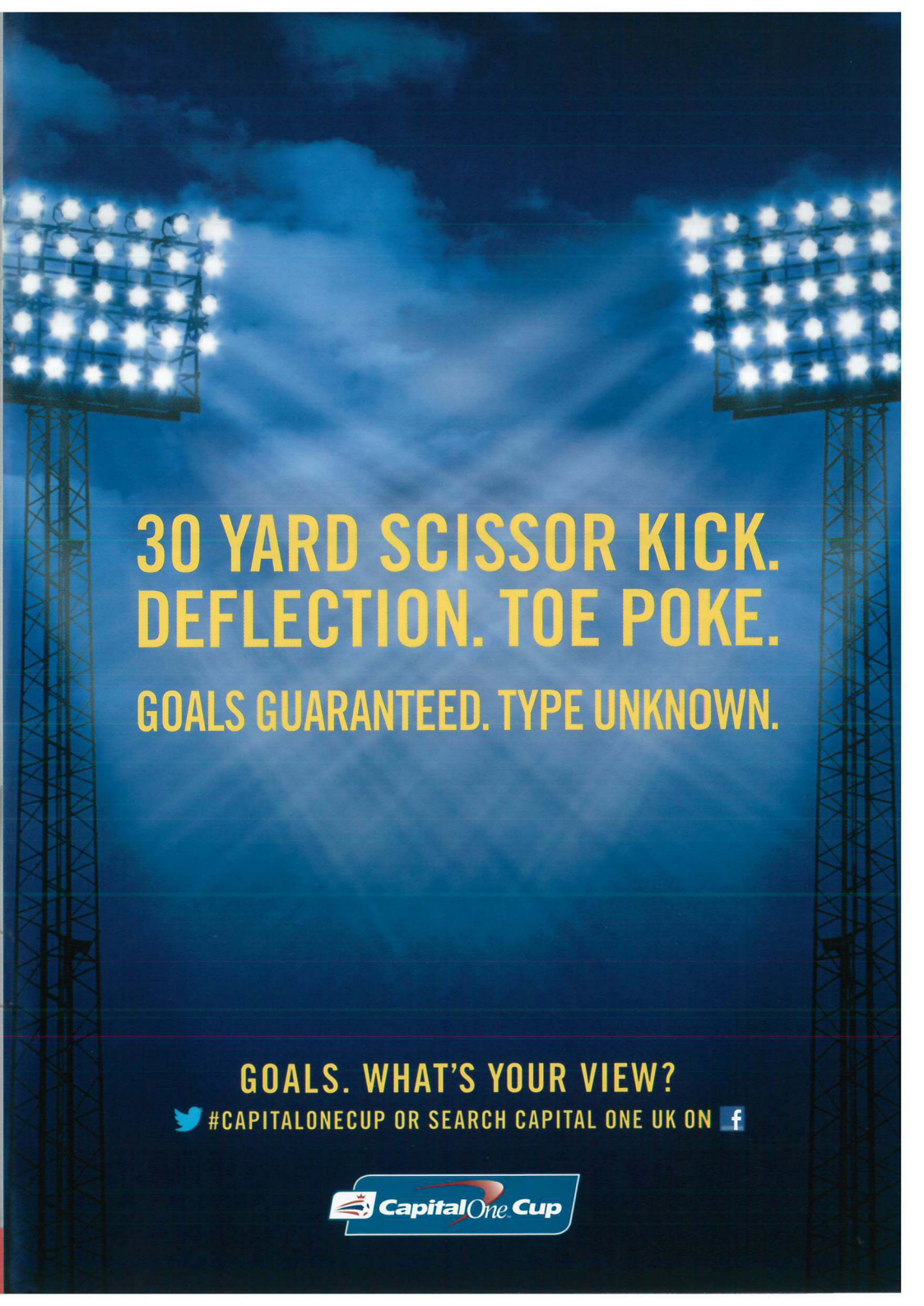
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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

The background of the entire advertisement is a night-time photograph of a stadium. Two large, multi-lamp floodlight towers are visible on either side, their lights glowing brightly against a dark blue sky with wispy clouds. The towers themselves are dark silhouettes.

**30 YARD SCISSOR KICK.
DEFLECTION. TOE POKE.
GOALS GUARANTEED. TYPE UNKNOWN.**

GOALS. WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

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DATE	KO	V	OPPONENTS	ATTEN	F	A	STARTING XI					
AUGUST 2012												
SAT 18	15:00	A	BURNLEY	18,407	0	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	REAM	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE
TUE 21	20:00	H	DERBY COUNTY	17,050	2	0	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE
FRI 24	19:45	H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	17,361	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE
TUE 28	19:45	A	CRAWLEY TOWN CAP CUP R2	2,678	1	2	LONERGAN	ALONSO	KNIGHT	REAM	RILEY	PETROV
SEPTEMBER 2012												
SAT 1	15:00	A	HULL CITY	15,304	1	3	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	REAM	RICKETTS	C.Y. LEE
SAT 15	15:00	H	WATFORD	16,608	2	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	ALONSO	SPEARING
TUE 18	19:45	A	BIRMINGHAM CITY	14,693	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	ALONSO	C.Y. LEE
SAT 22	15:00	A	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	26,598	2	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	ALONSO	ANDREWS
SAT 29	15:00	H	CRYSTAL PALACE	16,727	0	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	ANDREWS
OCTOBER 2012												
TUE 2	20:00	H	LEEDS UNITED	21,255	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	ANDREWS
SAT 6	15:00	A	MILLWALL	10,116	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	ANDREWS
SAT 20	15:00	H	BRISTOL CITY	17,259	3	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	REAM	MILLS	WARNOCK	PETROV
TUE 23	19:45	A	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	20,915	2	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	REAM	MILLS	WARNOCK	PETROV
SAT 27	15:00	A	MIDDLESBROUGH	16,200	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	RICKETTS	REAM	WARNOCK	PETROV
NOVEMBER 2012												
SAT 3	17:20	H	CARDIFF CITY	17,304	2	1	BOGDAN	RICKETTS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	PRATLEY
TUE 6	20:00	H	LEICESTER CITY	16,754	0	0	BOGDAN	RICKETTS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	PRATLEY
SAT 10	15:00	A	BLACKPOOL	15,525	2	2	BOGDAN	RICKETTS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	SPEARING
SAT 17	15:00	H	BARNLEY	16,965	1	1	BOGDAN	RICKETTS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	SPEARING
SAT 24	15:00	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	26,455	1	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	MILLS	WARNOCK	REAM
WED 28	19:45	A	BLACKBURN ROVERS	18,010	2	1	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	RICKETTS	WARNOCK	SPEARING
DECEMBER 2012												
SAT 1	15:00	H	IPSWICH TOWN	17,208	1	2	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	RICKETTS	ALONSO	SPEARING
SAT 8	15:00	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	16,372	2	2	BOGDAN	MILLS	KNIGHT	RICKETTS	WARNOCK	SPEARING
SAT 15	15:00	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	15,991	2	0	BOGDAN	MEARS	KNIGHT	RICKETTS	WARNOCK	SPEARING
SAT 22	15:00	A	PETERBOROUGH UNITED									
WED 26	15:00	H	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY									
SAT 29	15:00	H	BIRMINGHAM CITY									
JANUARY 2013												
TUE 1	15:00	A	LEEDS UNITED									
SAT 5	15:00	H	SUNDERLAND									
SAT 12	15:00	H	MILLWALL									
SAT 19	15:00	A	CRYSTAL PALACE									
SAT 26	15:00	H	PETERBOROUGH UNITED									
SAT 26			FA CUP ROUND FOUR									
FEBRUARY 2013												
SAT 2	15:00	A	WATFORD									
SAT 9	15:00	H	BURNLEY									
SAT 16	15:00	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST									
SAT 16			FA CUP ROUND FIVE									
TUE 19	19:45	A	DERBY COUNTY									
SAT 23	15:00	H	HULL CITY									
MARCH 2013												
SAT 2	15:00	A	BARNLEY									
TUE 5	20:00	H	BLACKBURN ROVERS									
SAT 9	15:00	H	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION									
SAT 9			FA CUP ROUND SIX									
SAT 16	15:00	A	IPSWICH TOWN									
SAT 30	15:00	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC									
APRIL 2013												
TUE 2	20:00	H	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN									
SAT 6	15:00	H	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS									
SAT 13	15:00	A	BRISTOL CITY									
SAT 13			FA CUP ROUND SEMI-FINAL									
TUE 16	19:45	A	LEICESTER CITY									
SAT 20	15:00	H	MIDDLESBROUGH									
SAT 27	15:00	A	CARDIFF CITY									
MAY 2013												
SAT 4	15:00	H	BLACKPOOL									
SAT 11			FA CUP FINAL									

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A fully trained party coordinator will greet you, manage the party activities and make sure everyone is having a great time!

- Minimum of 10 guests, maximum of 16 per party
- Visit from Lofty the Lion
- Exclusive BWFC invitations
- 45 minutes of exciting football, the party lasts 2 hours in total
- Goody bags for all guests
- Gift for the Birthday VIP
- Three meal options: Burger & chips/Chicken nuggets & chips/Pizza & chips (vegetarian)

To book or for more information please call the Junior Whites team on 01204 673770

Today's Front Liners



Joshua Toone



Olivia Maloney



Kian Horrocks



Kenzie Lloyd



Chloe Roberts



Liam Barrett



Toby Ellet



Tom Barrett

VIP MASCOTS

THOMAS JENNIONS

Age: 12

Favorite

Players:

Kevin Davies

and Chris

Eagles

Hobbies:

Playing football, computer games and music

LUKE BATTY

Age: 7

Favorite

Players:

Chris Eagles

& Stuart

Holden

Hobbies:

Football, athletics & tennis

TODAY'S MASCOTS

GEORGE MCCARTNEY

Age: 9

Favorite

Players:

Kevin Davies

& Martin

Petrov

Hobbies:

Watching

Bolton, playing

football, sea fishing

AWAY MASCOTS

FREDDIE GRIMMER

Age: 9

Favorite

Players:

Mikael

Antonio &

Reda

Johnson

Hobbies: Football, cross country running and cubs



To book or for further information about any of the Junior Whites events go online at www.juniorwhites.co.uk or call 01204 673770



We are pleased to introduce our new Matchday Birthday Party package for Bolton Wanderers matches at the Reebok Stadium.

We are offering junior supporters the chance to have their Birthday Party in style by having a corporate hospitality box to entertain their friends and family in for their special day. Come along to the Reebok Stadium enjoy a pre match meal then watch your heroes play from the comfort of your very own hospitality box. A chance in a lifetime for a young Wanderers fan!

The parties are for children aged from 7 years to 15 years, for a minimum of 5 maximum of 8 children with two adults included in the package! The Party cost is £180 and includes the following:

- A trained party co-ordinator to manage your party throughout
- Goody bags for all guests
- Matchday programmes for all guests
- Gift for the Birthday VIP
- Visit from our mascot Lofty Junior
- Party invitations
- Three meal options: Burger & chips/chicken nuggets & chips/Pizza & chips (vegetarian)

To book or for more information please call the Junior Whites team on 01204 673770



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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Manager: DAVE JONES

1 ADAM BOGDAN

2 TYRONE MEARS

3 MARCOS ALONSO

4 MATT MILLS

5 TIM REAM

7 CHRIS EAGLES

8 KEITH ANDREWS

9 DAVID NGOG

10 MARTIN PETROV

11 GREGG WYLDE

12 ZAT KNIGHT

14 KEVIN DAVIES

16 MARK DAVIES

17 BENIK AFOBE

18 SAM RICKETTS

19 MARVIN SORDELL

20 JAY SPEARING

21 DARREN PRATLEY

22 STUART HOLDEN

23 JOE RILEY

24 ANDY LONERGAN

25 JOSH VELA

26 ROB LAINTON

27 CHUNG-YONG LEE

29 JACOB BUTTERFIELD

30 MICHAEL O'HALLORAN

31 DAVID WHEATER

34 JAY LYNCH

1 CHRIS KIRKLAND

2 LEWIS BUXTON

3 REDA JOHNSON

4 ANTHONY GARDNER

5 MARTIN TAYLOR

6 JOSE SEMEDO

7 MICHAEL ANTONIO

8 CHRIS LINES

9 GARY MADINE

10 CHRIS MAGUIRE

11 JERMAINE JOHNSON

12 CHRIS O'GRADY

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18 DANNY MAYOR

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20 KIERAN LEE

21 PAUL CORRY

23 JAY BOTHROYD

25 DAVID PRUTTON

26 DANIEL JONES

28 GILES COKE

30 ADAM DAVIES

32 MIGUEL LLERA

43 STEPHEN BYWATER

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NEXT FIVE GAMES...

SAT 29 DEC - BOLTON WANDERERS V BIRMINGHAM CITY (3PM)

TUE 1 JAN - LEEDS UNITED V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)

SAT 5 JAN - BOLTON WANDERERS V SUNDERLAND (3PM)

SAT 12 JAN - BOLTON WANDERERS V MILLWALL (3PM)

SAT 19 JAN - CRYSTAL PALACE V BOLTON WANDERERS (3PM)



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